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Kathryn Ballance measures an order at medical marijuana dispensary Apothecaria Thursday, the first day of legal recreational sales.

photo by Jon Stinnett

Recreational weed buyers flock to dispensaries

BY JON STINNETT
The Cottage Grove Sentinel

Standing in line Thursday afternoon at the Medication Station, one of Cottage Grove's four medical marijuana dispensaries, one man shared a common feeling expressed by many others — "I never thought I'd see this day."

"I've been waiting for this day since 1978," another customer said. "It's nice to not feel like an outlaw."

Disbelief at the ability to visit a store to legally buy marijuana — a drug that became legal for purchase at Oregon dispensaries at 12 a.m. on Thursday — colored the comments of many customers, some of whom were waiting in front of Cottage Grove's dispensaries before they opened their doors.

The gathered crowd prompted Apothecaria, located on Row River Road and the second local dispensary

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Help sought in locating missing CG man

The Cottage Grove Police Department is seeking the public's help to locate a 36-year old Cottage Grove man whose family is concerned for his safety.

Police say John Jarrell, who moved to Cottage Grove in May after recently living in Ashland, has been missing since Wednesday, Sept. 30. Jarrell, the father of a three-month old, has a history of depression and reportedly left his medication and cell phone behind. He has had no current bank transactions.



John Jarrell

"He is not a danger to the public, but I fear he is a danger to himself," said a flyer prepared by his family, which indicates that Jarrell is also bi-polar.

Jarrell is six-feet tall, with brown hair, green eyes and a beard. He drives a white Chevrolet S-10 Blazer with a damaged bumper and license plate VSF 329 or 285 GAH. He is an outdoorsman who may have gone to the national forest in Jackson or Josephine counties.

Anyone who sees Jarrell is urged to contact Cottage Grove Police Officer Doug Skaggs at 541-942-9145.



Jarrell may be driving this white Chevrolet S-10 Blazer, license plate VSF 329 or 285 GAH.

Roa charged with attempted murder after deputy shooting

BY JON STINNETT
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Attempted murder charges have been filed against a 38-year old Cottage Grove man arrested in the early-morning hours of Saturday, Sept. 26 following a shootout with Lane County Sheriff's deputies and an hours-long manhunt.

Lane County Circuit Court documents indicate that Carlos Roa of Cottage Grove was charged with two counts of attempted aggravated murder with a

firearm and two counts of unlawful use of a weapon. The charges stem from a confrontation with sheriff's deputies just before 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 25 at a property near Milepost 3 of London Road near Cottage Grove Reservoir. The Sheriff's Office reported that it responded to



Carlos Roa

reports of possible shots fired there, and upon arrival, Roa allegedly immediately engaged deputies in gunfire with an AK-47 rifle.

Following the incident, family members identified Todd Olson as having been struck by a bullet in the firefight, and Roa is being charged with attempting to kill Olson, Deputy Richard Glessner, Deputy Joshua Mars and Sgt. Gordon Gill.

Roa fled the scene following the shootout; he was discovered over six hours later on the same property, reportedly sporting a bullet wound and a bite from a

police dog from the incident.

If convicted, Roa faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in prison under state law. He reportedly pled guilty to the charges against him on Monday.

Also on Monday, the Lane County District Attorney's Office announced that it ruled the use of deadly force to combat the threat faced by Roa to be justified. Patty Perlow announced that Roa had been in an "elevated position" when he fired on the deputies

Shooting at UCC prompts security measures, benefits in CG

SLFR Division Chief, LMS counselors part of response team

BY JON STINNETT
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The shooting on the Umpqua Community College campus in Roseburg that claimed the lives of nine people and injured nine others Thursday morning drew the nation's attention within minutes. It also prompted feelings of anxiety and extra security measures here in Cottage Grove.

The list of partner agencies that responded in the wake of

the tragedy is long, and while this area's first responders and law enforcement mostly weren't called to help, they were on standby until it was certain they wouldn't be needed.

Based in Cottage Grove, the Life Flight Network mobilized six aircraft to send to a situation that was evolving quickly, according to Chief Customer Officer Justin Dillingham. A combination of helicopters and fixed-wing planes were put on the ready, Dillingham said, as it

was uncertain where the shooting victims may need to be transported.

In the end, Dillingham said Life Flight only ended up transporting one patient from Mercy Medical Center in Roseburg (about a 20-minute flight from Cottage Grove) to Sacred Heart Medical Center.

"We didn't end up having a very big role, but we had resources on the ground if needed," he said.

South Lane County Fire and Rescue Division Chief Joe Raade said the Fire District was asked to put together a task force of ambulances with

in a half-hour of the shooting, though they were informed a short time later that the use of the ambulances wouldn't be needed. Raade himself, though, was asked to be part of an incident management team that kept him busy dealing with logistical issues until Sunday afternoon.

He served as a section chief, arranging local hotel rooms and meals for first responders and others, helping to coordinate the busing plan for students back to their vehicles at UCC and assisting with coordination of the subsequent investigation, though Raade pointed out that he was not part of the

investigation itself. He worked to prioritize equipment needs at the college and package information that was delivered to the many media outlets covering the shooting. On Saturday and Sunday mornings, Raade said he helped college officials formulate a plan to reopen the school.

"It was nice to be able to lend assistance, to be part of the solution," he said.

The most stressful part of his response, Raade said, came when he learned on Thursday that a fellow first responder had lost his son in the shooting.

"It humanized the situation

for me very quickly," he said.

Cottage Grove Interim Police Chief Scott Shepherd said his department sent a patrol officer to Curtin on standby in case the officer needed to respond to the shooting. Soon, however, CGPD realized it needed its own officers here to deal with security concerns.

"Parents were calling the schools, and there was quite a bit of unrest locally," Shepherd said. "We had officers in and around every school within the city limits, and they stayed there until the end of the school day.

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